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ALPHACHESS 2026



PEOPLE-CENTRED CHESS

INNOVATIVE FIDE-RATED EVENTS

FIDE CLASSICAL

Dates for 2026:

- March 21-22
- May 9-10
- July 4-5
- August 29-30
- March 21-22

The sell-out AlphaChess FIDE Classical returns in 2026, with five rounds of FIDE-rated standard play.

With three rating sections, an £825+ prize fund, and free rated rapid games available, it is a people-centred long-form chess event.





TRIATHLON

We ran the first ever chess triathlon in the UK.

In 2026, we will run three more!

The AlphaChess FIDE Triathlon is a festival for you to put your skills to the test across three different time controls: 3 rounds of standard chess (80+10), 6 rounds of rapid (10+5), and 9 of blitz (3+2).

That's a total of 18 intense games, with a substantial prize fund and trophies for top finishers in two pools.

Dates for 2026

- 31 January & 1 February
- 6 & 7 June
- 26 & 27 September



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FUSION



Dates

13th February
24th April
17th July
4th September
2nd October
20th November
11th December

Launch of Fusion

In 2026, we launch Fusion – our fast-paced Friday-night showpiece mixing two worlds: a five-round FIDE-rated Rapid (10+2) tournament and one round of Freestyle.

With seven dates across 2026, Fusion is designed for players who want regular, high-quality, high-speed chess in a modern venue.

AlphaChess Freestyle Rapid Grand Prix

Your best five performances in the seven available 2026 rounds of Freestyle will count towards the Grand Prix, for which trophies can be won in two sections.

FIDE Chess960 rules will be used. Players will have two minutes to study the position before clocks are started.



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entry forms, prize funds and more!



First Wednesday Chess

Monthly

A free, casual chess meetup, held on the first Wednesday of every month from 6 to 9 PM at The Old Manor pub. Have fun chilling with some fellow chess players, and feel the community vibe in a lovely old venue!



Duality

28th February

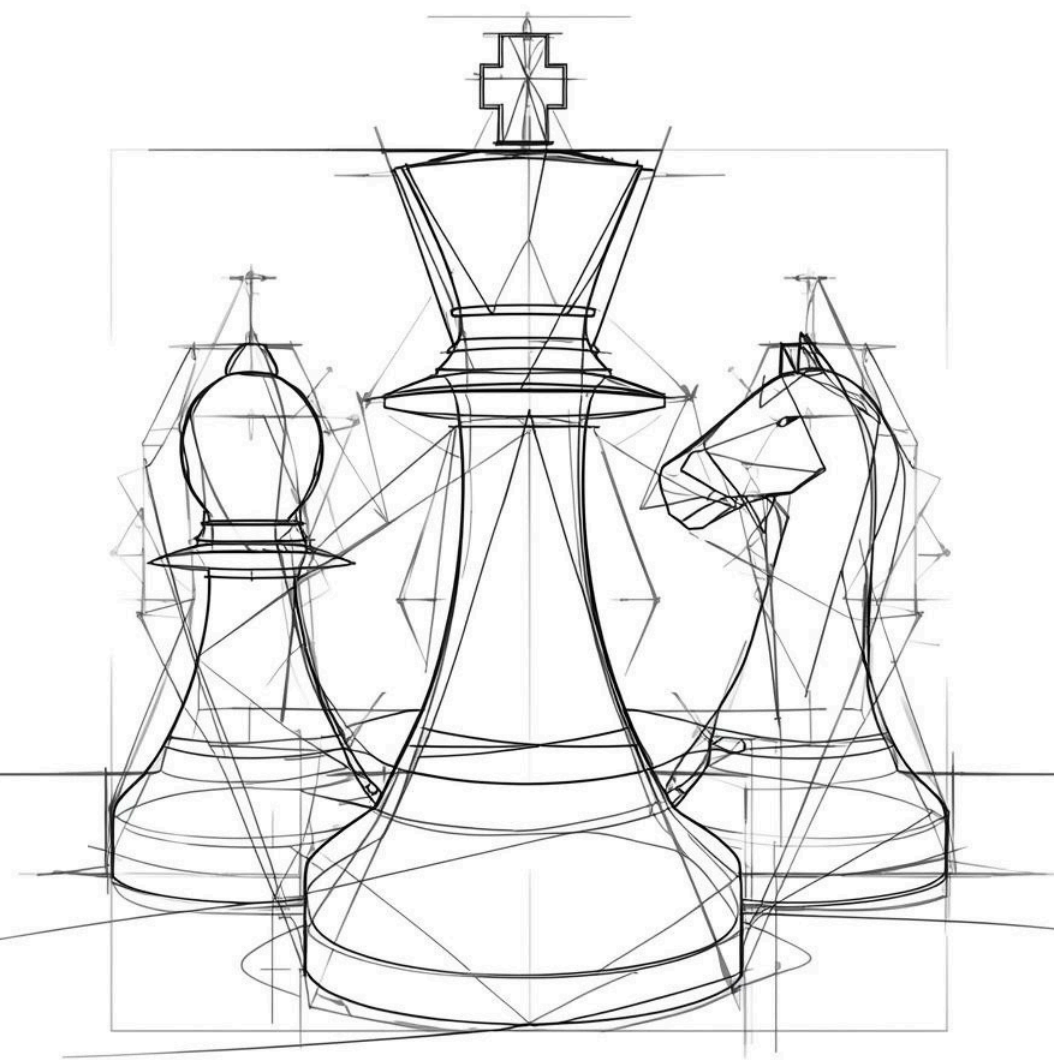
Two tournaments in one day! Try our 'slow rapid' of 20+5 and then let loose with 9 rounds of 3+2 in our exciting blend of speeds. Over £350 of prizes and 15 games in one day!



North London FIDE Rapid

20th May

Join us for the North London FIDE Rapid, with a fast-paced evening of competition: six rounds of 10+2 play in one Open section with two rating prizes!



CALENDAR α

Classicals

21 & 22nd March

9 & 10th May

4 & 5th July

29 & 30th August

17^t & 18th October

Triathlons

31 Jan & 1st Feb

6 & 7th June

26 & 27th Sept

Duality

Sat 28th Feb

Rapid

Wed 20th May

Fusion

Fri 13th Feb

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For event webpages and entry: alphachess.co.uk/events

For our interactive calendar: alphachess.co.uk/calendar